

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2011 PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES INVENTORY

Washington's Public Health Activities and Services database now has three complete years (2009-2011) of data from across all 35 local health jurisdictions (LHJs), the state Department of Health (DOH), and many program areas. It can be used to provide information about differences in services delivered over time, by region, by LHJ and by program domain. We encourage you to go into the website and see more about our work in governmental public health. Here are a few examples:

PREVENTING AND RAPIDLY RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY HEALTH THREATS

- New Tuberculosis (TB) cases seem to be heading in the right direction. In 2009, 27 LHJs provided TB screening to 10,221 clients and reported 256 new cases. In 2011, 32 LHJs provided TB screening for 8,915 clients and reported 200 new cases. One of our small jurisdictions provided the second most TB services.
- New HIV cases also appear to be heading in the right direction, decreasing from 865 in 2009 to 749 in 2010 to 666 in 2011.
- Twenty LHJs provided needle exchange services with over 10 million needles safely exchanged.
- New sexually transmitted disease (STD) cases increased 11% from 25,657 in 2009, to 28,833 in 2011. Geographic variation can be assessed.

KEEPING OUR FOOD, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SAFE

- The inspection rate of permanent food service establishments increased from 1.37 in 2010 to 1.46 in 2011, and the percentage of inspections with 35 or more critical violations increased from 5% in 2010 to 6% in 2011. The rates of inspection vary across jurisdictions.
- The inspection rate of permitted solid waste facilities has remained constant from 2009 to 2011. In 2011, 1962 inspections were conducted on 475 permitted facilities with an average rate of 4.13, with variation across jurisdictions from 10.6 to 0.3 reflecting many different issues.

GETTING BABIES OFF TO A GOOD START AND HELPING FAMILIES

- Fourteen of our LHJs provided early intervention services to help reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. While the number of clients has increased (from 1050 in 2010 to 1119 in 2011), the number of visits per client has decreased from 7.4 in 2010 to 5 in 2011. The number of visits per client varies by jurisdiction from 1 to 8.6.
- 3,170 infants were identified with congenital disorders needing follow-up through our newborn screening and testing program.
- Twenty five of our LHJs provide WIC nutritional services (or through contracted providers) and in 2011 served 142,724 clients providing more \$52 million of food checks, counseling and referrals.
- Twenty nine of our LHJs give childhood immunizations (71,479 doses in 2011) and DOH provided 3,039,620 doses of childhood vaccine ordered by providers (including LHJs) through the Washington Vaccine Association.
- In 2011, 20 LHJs worked on initiatives to increase access to healthy foods in the community, up from 18 LHJs in 2010.



OVERSEE OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM; WORKERS AND HOSPITALS FOR SAFE HEALTH CARE

- The number of credentialed (licensed) healthcare providers increased by 2309 to 343,302 in 2011 from 2010, and we investigated 3292 new complaints about healthcare providers.
- In 2011, we regulated 98 hospitals and conducted 47 hospital inspections, up from 2009, when we regulated 93 hospitals and conducted 41 inspections.

UNDERSTAND AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY

- In 2011, 18 of our LHJs worked on their Community Health Assessments, up from 12 in 2010. Twenty five LHJs worked on narrowly focused assessments such as maternal child health, communicable disease, environmental health, health disparity or behavioral health issues, up from 12 LHJs in 2010.

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